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Laddys: Legal Aid and Defender Association presented annual awards

Legal Aid and Defender Association (LAD) held its fourth annual “Laddy” awards ceremony on Nov. 19 in the historic Chief Judge’s Courtroom at Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit.

“We’re grateful to have the Laddy awards here again for the second year,” said U.S. District Court Judge Denise Page Hood, Eastern District of Michigan, representing Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen.

“This is a moment for pro bono attorneys to shine,” Hood said, comparing the Laddys to the Oscar and Emmy awards of the motion picture and television industries.

“We’re recognizing a special group of attorneys,” said Lois E. Bingham, a member of LAD’s board of directors, who welcomed award winners, sponsors and guests on behalf of LAD.

This year’s Laddy winners are:

- **Pro Bono Attorney of the Year—Jordan S. Bolton of Clark Hill PLC.**

- Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year—Bodman PLC.

- Kelvin W. Scott Pro Bono Corporation of the Year—Office of General Counsel, Ford Motor Co.
- Pro Bono Spirit—Kristi A. Katsma of Dickinson Wright PLLC; Kurt Thornbladh of Thornbladh Legal Group PLC; and Jenny L. Zavadil of Bowman and Brooke LLP.
- Frank D. Eaman Warrior of Justice—John A. Shea of Dexter Township, a solo practitioner.
- Ed Pokorny Pioneer of Justice—Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James R. Chylinski.
- Friend of LAD—37th District Court, Warren and Macomb Homeless Coalition.
- LAD awarded Pangborn Pins, designed by artist Dominic Pangborn of Pangborn Design Ltd., for 100 hours or more of pro bono service to Seth A. Drucker, Kathryn Ariella Katz, and Mary K. Mansfield of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz, and Cohn LLP; Olukunle A. Fadipe, formerly a solo practitioner and now a LAD staff attorney; and Kathleen G. Galen, Mary Beth Leija, Theresa H. Sharp, and Christy Q. Williams, solo practitioners.



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Founded in 1909, LAD is the oldest and largest provider of free civil legal services to low-income residents of Michigan. It serves metropolitan Detroit through its offices in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties. It also represents criminal defendants in Wayne County and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Jordan S. Bolton is a Member (partner) in Clark Hill’s Litigation Practice Group. Jordan has significant experience as outside general counsel in addition to his experience with a variety of fields of litigation, including articles 2, 3, 4, & 9 of the UCC, as well as business dissolution, collections, construction, consumer disputes, contracts, intellectual property, partnership and shareholder disputes, real estate, RICO, securities, torts, and warranties. **Contact him via phone: (248) 988-1839 or email: jbolton@clarkhill.com.**

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